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after the end of the said seven years. That another act of assembly, entitled, A supplementary act to the act, entitled, An act ascertaining the height of fences, to prevent the evil occasioned by the multitude of horses, and restraining horse rangers within this province, and to redress the great evil accruing to this province by the multiplicity of useless horses, mares and colts, that run in the woods, made at a session of assembly, begun and held at the city of Annapolis the eighth day of May, one thousand seven hundred and fifty, be and is hereby revived and continued, and shall remain and be in full force for and during the term of seven years, and to the end of the next session of assembly which shall happen after the end of the said seven years. That another act of assembly, entitled, An act for suspending the power of the commissioners for building a court house and prison in Harford county, made at a session of assembly, begun and held at the city of Annapolis the twenty-third day of March, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-four, be and is hereby continued, and shall remain and be in full force for and during the term of three years, and until the end of the next session of assembly which shall happen after the end of the said three years.

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An A C T to raise the supplies for the current year.

Preamble.

W H E R E A S the United States have hitherto carried on the present just and necessary war, by issuing large sums of money in bills of credit, and by borrowing on interest, and it is now become necessary that taxes should be laid, as well for defraying the current expences as to establish a fund for the punctual payment of interest accruing on loans either to the continent or to this state,

Five shillings
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&c.

II. Be it therefore enacted, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That a rate of five shillings in the pound on the annual value shall be set on all real and personal property within this state (real or personal property belonging to the United States, to this state, or to any church, county, or parish, or to any public or county school, provisions necessary for the use and consumption of the family for the year, and wearing apparel, only excepted) according to the value thereof, to be ascertained as hereafter mentioned, and that the same pound rate shall be assessed, paid, collected, and levied, for the year seventeen hundred and seventy-eight, in manner herein after directed, to wit: For every hundred pounds worth of property, real or personal within this state, there shall be set and assessed twenty-five shillings, and after that rate for every greater or less sum. Provided, That if any person shall be compelled by the enemy to leave his habitation, and be thereby rendered incapable to carry on his business or occupation, the governor and the council may direct the collectors not to collect the assessment from such person until the general assembly shall take order therein.

Five commis-
sioners to be
appointed in
each county,
&c.

III. And be it enacted, That five sensible, discreet and experienced persons shall be appointed in each county of this state, who shall be called commissioners of the tax, and they or any three or more of them shall be the commissioners for such county.

IV. And